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PORTO RICO.

Arrival of immigrants.

Report of arrivals of alien steerage passengers at San Juan, Ponce, and subports during the week ended December 31, 1904.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of aliens.
SAN JUAN.			
Dec. 27	Miguel M. Pinillos	Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands, and Cadiz, Spain.	2
23	Caracas.....	La Guaira, Venezuela	2
28	Buenos Aires	Genoa, Italy; Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Spain.	56
PONCE.			
Dec. 29	Miguel M. Pinillos.....	Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands, and Cadiz, Spain.	3
FAJARDO.			
Dec. 17	Triunfo.....	St. Thomas, Danish West Indies	1
MAYAGUEZ.			
Dec. 29	Miguel M. Pinillos.....	Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands....	1
	Total		65

BENSON H. SISSON, *Acting Commissioner.*

TURKEY.

Reports from Trebizond—Case suspected of being plague—Cholera in the Caucasus.

Consul Sullivan reports, December 16 and 17, as follows:

A few days ago a young man died in this city after a brief illness, which was at the time diagnosed by some of the attending physicians as bubonic plague. All the symptoms strongly pointed to the disease being of the nature referred to.

A report asking for instructions was sent to the health board at Constantinople, and after considerable delay an order was given to have the body exhumed. This was done, and particles of the blood was taken from the region of the groin where the swelling was most apparent. The virus was injected into a live rat and a mouse, both of which died within a period of ten hours. A microscopical examination was made of the blood which was taken from the animals, and it was the opinion of some of the physicians that it contained the bacilli of plague, while others differed and are of the opinion that it was a case of meningitis. The fact that decomposition of the body had taken place rendered their opinion more difficult.

Up to this writing no quarantine has been placed on the steamers entering this port. Surveillance is, however, being kept on the house where the young man died. Any further developments of importance will be promptly reported to you. The delay in reporting this matter is due to the fact that the opinions of the physicians were not given up to this date.

Cholera in the Caucasus.

I am informed by the sanitary authorities of this city that cholera has broken out in the Caucasus Mountains and is now epidemic in